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Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 3 and 12 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1 and 9 as shown in the Listing of Claims below. The Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A liquid discharge head cartridge comprising:
a liquid discharge head for discharging a liquid;
a liquid absorber for holding the liquid;
a liquid introducing unit having a liquid channel for supplying said liquid discharge head with the liquid from said liquid absorber;
an opening provided at a portion of the liquid channel facing said liquid discharge head;
a filter provided at said liquid introducing unit so as to contact said liquid absorber; and
a rib extending from an inner wall of said liquid introducing unit to a substantially central portion of said filter, for supporting said filter, wherein said rib extends to said opening.
2. (original) A liquid discharge head cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein said opening is slit-shaped.
3. (cancelled)
4. (original) A liquid discharge head cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of said ribs are provided at said liquid introducing unit.

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5. (original) A liquid discharge head cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein said rib extends in a direction substantially parallel to a long-side direction of said opening.

6. (original) A liquid discharge head cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein a pair of ribs is provided at positions facing across said opening, and wherein an inclined surface for gradually reducing an interval between said facing ribs from said filter toward said opening is formed at each of said pair of ribs.

7. (original) A liquid discharge head cartridge according to Claim 4, wherein in said liquid introducing unit, a plurality of ribs extend radially from a substantially central portion of said opening in a long-side direction.

8. (original) A liquid discharge head cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein ink is filled in said liquid discharge head cartridge.

9. (currently amended) A recording apparatus that mounts a liquid discharge head cartridge comprising a liquid discharge head for discharging a liquid, a liquid absorber for holding the liquid, and a liquid introducing unit having a liquid channel for supplying said liquid discharge head with the liquid from said liquid absorber, said apparatus comprising:

an opening provided at a portion of the liquid channel facing said liquid discharge head;

a filter provided at said liquid introducing unit so as to contact said liquid absorber; and

a plurality of ribs extending from an inner wall of said liquid introducing unit to a substantially central portion of said filter, for supporting said filter, wherein said plurality of ribs extends in a direction substantially parallel to a long-side direction of said opening.

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10. (original) A recording apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said opening is slit-shaped.

11. (original) A recording apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said plurality of ribs extends to said opening.

12. (cancelled)